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One Minute Speech

UN Human Rights Commission

Mr. Speaker,

Killing civilians to achieve a political goal is unacceptable under any circumstances.

We thought the world understood that now.

But now we've received word that the United Nations Human Rights Commission has voted to condemn the State of Israel for a long list of SUPPOSED human rights violations without even ONCE mentioning Palestinian violence.

Worse than that, the resolution supports – and I quote “all available means, including armed struggle” to establish a Palestinian state.

Now, the United States is on record supporting an eventual Palestinian state.

But we also know what “armed struggle” means in the current environment in the Middle East.

It means 17-year-old girls being promised all the glories of heaven if they'll just strap a bomb to themselves and go kill a bunch of Israelis.

Does it make any sense to any of us that the UN HUMAN RIGHTS Commission thinks that's a good idea?

I think we should thank Canada, Britain, Germany, Guatemala, and the Czech Republic for voting against this resolution.

But we should also express our anger at the FORTY OTHER COUNTRIES who voted for it—including SIX FROM EUROPE.

Mr. Speaker, this is an outrage.

As far as I'm concerned, the UN Human Rights Commission has lost all its credibility.